

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY ARRA FUNDING AND PROJECTS

- ❖ **Based on the latest information available to the Governor's Office.** This report is not comprehensive because new Recovery Act awards are announced frequently. This does not include funds - including income tax cuts, increased COBRA benefits, increased funds to cover Medicaid services and others - that cannot be broken down by county. The numbers below represent funds that have been awarded and are expected to be received over the life of the Recovery Act. The funds are distributed to a wide range of groups in the county and do not necessarily touch county government.

COMMUNITY SERVICES / SAFETY NET:

- \$84,441** Community Services Block grant to the South Central Council of Governments County Region, which serves Huerfano and Las Animas counties, for poverty reduction and revitalization of low-income communities. The agency will partner with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Rocky Mountain SER, and Trinidad State Junior College to increase jobs for rural youth.
- \$266,309.13** Extra 13 percent in food stamp benefits to about 2,100 people in Las Animas County between April 1-August 31, 2009.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- \$21,440** Justice Assistance grant to the City of Trinidad for law enforcement programs

TRANSPORTATION:

- \$7,044,806** Grant for the construction of the Purgatoire River Pedestrian Trail, adds streetlights, parking lot paving, curb and gutter, drainage inlets, landscaping and sidewalk.

WORKFORCE SERVICES AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

- \$573,152** Workforce Investment Act Funds for job training to the South Central County Region, which includes Alamosa, Saguache, Mineral, Rio Grande, Conejos, Costilla, Huerfano, and Las Animas counties.
- \$244,678** Wagner Peyser (WP) & Reemployment Services (RES) to the South Central County Region, which includes Alamosa, Saguache, Mineral, Rio Grande, Conejos, Costilla, Huerfano, and Las Animas counties.
- \$3,277,096** Extra 20 weeks of benefits, through the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, for 505 people (as of June 30, 2010) in Las Animas County
- \$638,600** Extra \$25 per week in unemployment benefits through the Federal Additional Compensation program, for 875 people (as of June 30, 2010) in Las Animas County

\$266,721 Additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits through a new state law given to 94 people in Las Animas County as of June 30, 2010

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT:

\$636,265 Estimated funds to be spent for free energy efficiency upgrades in low-income homes in Las Animas County

\$85,000 Energy Efficiency Conservation Block grant to the Southern Colorado Council of Governments for energy efficiency improvements to buildings in Huerfano and Las Animas counties.

\$1,000,000 Colorado State Forest Service grant to M.S. Forest, LLC to hire four new employees for the duration of the grant period and retain nine other jobs. The goal of the project is to treat 750 acres to help protect the North Lake Watershed, Trinidad's primary source of drinking water.

\$79,000 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service grant to the Trinidad Lake North Watershed Project for technical and financial assistance to private landowners (mostly family owned farms and ranches) for implementing improved management strategies and erosion control practices on cropland, grazing land, and adjacent properties located in the Trinidad Lake Watershed that result in reducing contaminant and sediment loading to Trinidad Lake Reservoir.

\$400 Rebates for 4 people in Las Animas County for the purchase of energy-efficient appliances including dishwashers, furnaces, and boilers.

EDUCATION:

\$285,853 Title I funds for Las Animas County schools with high percentages of low-income students

\$29,244 Grant to Las Animas County schools to improve school lunch services.

HOUSING:

\$444,654 US Department of Housing and Urban Development Public Housing Capital Fund to Trinidad Housing Authority.

\$38,424 US Department of Housing and Urban Development Public Housing Capital Fund to Aguilar Housing Authority.

\$101,925 US Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Rental Assistance payments to Corazon Square.